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Arrest, the entire ruling clique, which at first seemed ready to fall, took a new lease on life.

The first to be mentioned in this connection is the former Minister of War Farkas Mihaly. As early as February 1953 there had been plans to remove him. As a matter of fact, he was not the real Minister of War, but rather Revesz Geza. Farkas was not consulted about any problems and he was always faced with faits accomplis. Everybody, of course, knows that he has ~~not~~ no talents whatever, still they could have allowed him to ~~act as Minister~~ act as Minister because the Soviets were in charge of the more important matters. In practice, what happened was that he was the straw man under the control of Ravesz Geza and Szabo Istvan.

Batta's nomination to Minister of War took everybody by surprise, and as a result the same person occupies the ~~position~~ position of Minister of War and Chief of Staff.

For the sake of appearances, it was decided not to disgrace Farkas completely, and as a result he was appointed Inspector General of the Hungarian Army. It is well known that in his new position, Farkas will have purely ceremonial tasks without wielding the least power. He has nothing

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to do with organizational and procurement problems, but is concerned primarily with the training of the soldiers. He has only two aides and a small group of civilians in his office. As a matter of courtesy, he is shown all orders that have been issued, about which he has not been consulted.

Well-informed circles claim that he will be the first full general to be retired prematurely.

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